DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Hearing Date: No hearing was scheduled by the Department of Food and Agriculture

and no hearing was requested by the public regarding this proposal.

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Pasteurization Requirements and

Equivalency

Sections Affected: Adopt Section 581

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in this file and accurately reflects the final regulatory action taken by the Department of Food and Agriculture (Department).

Local Mandate

A mandate is not imposed on local agencies or school districts.

Business Impact

This proposal would not have significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states. This proposal affects individuals and businesses choosing to participate in various equine events held throughout California. This proposal does not impose any fees, nor requires changes to existing milk and milk products plants in California. This proposal affects individuals and businesses choosing to apply to the Department for approval of alternatives to pasteurization as defined in Food and Agricultural Code section 34001.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Department would either be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective as and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action described in this filing.

Summary of Objections/Recommendations/Responses

No comments were received regarding this proposal.